9 Bond St.,
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Wm Lloyd Garrison Esq.
Dear Sir.

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An unusual pressure of business has hindered me from, before this, telling you how much I regretted your absence from our New England dinner, We needed a little of the old

kind of talk. I think the "new era", how-ever good, is a little over-done, and it would have been a good time to preach of some tobacco, as you think we have too much of that,

I may say here that no letters were read at the

dinner. Yours will be printed with theirs in the pamphlet - copy of which will be sent to you,

May we not print also the private letter to me in which you speak of wine drinking &c, & put in the substance of it as a P.S. to your letter to the world?

Wishing for

You a happy new
year, and continued good health,

I am

Yours truely

D. F. Appleton

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